

13. Were you eligible to be claimed or were you claimed as a dependent on your parents' New York State or federal tax return for the previous year?

YES - If yes, YOU MUST REPORT PARENTS' INCOME below.

NO - If no, read and sign the affirmation on the bottom of this page and if married, your spouse must also sign and enter Social Security number. If you have dependents of your own other than a spouse, check this box.

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Instructions for Preparing an Application for Aid for Part-Time Study

WHAT IS APTS? The AID FOR PART-TIME STUDY program is a grant program financed by New York State in conjunction with participating educational institutions throughout the state. The program provides up to \$2,000 per year to help part-time undergraduate students meet their educational expenses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR APTS? To be considered for an APTS award, a student must:

- Be a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Be a legal resident of New York State
- Have graduated from a high school in the United States, earned a GED, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Be enrolled as a part-time student
- Be matriculated in an approved program of study in a participating New York State secondary institution
- Be in good academic standing; Have achieved at least a cumulative "C" average after having received the equivalent of two full years of payment of state-sponsored student financial aid
- Be charged at least \$100 tuition per year
- Not have exhausted Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) eligibility
- Not be in default on a Federal or State student loan or on any repayment of state awards
- Meet income eligibility limitations

WHAT ARE THE INCOME LIMITS? Income means the taxable income as taken from the New York State income tax return plus any state, local or federal pension and annuity income, if applicable.

- If you were claimed as a tax dependent by your parents, family income (i.e., taxable income of student and parents) cannot exceed \$50,550.
- If you were not eligible to be claimed as a tax dependent by your parents, income (i.e., taxable income of student and/or spouse, if married as of December 31st) cannot exceed \$34,250.
- If you were not eligible to be claimed as a tax dependent by your parents but you were eligible to claim dependents of your own other than yourself and/or your spouse, income (i.e., taxable income of student and spouse) cannot exceed \$50,550.

HOW DOES A STUDENT APPLY FOR AID FOR PART-TIME STUDY? Complete the application using these instructions. Mail or bring the completed application to your school's financial aid office. Do not return the application to Higher Education Services Corp. This will delay consideration of your application.

Read the instructions before making any entries. If you need further help, or if you need clarification of a particular issue, contact your Financial Aid Officer.

1-5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, STUDENT ID, DATE OF BIRTH, NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS. Enter all the information requested.

6. NEW YORK STATE RESIDENT.

- Check YES if any of the following apply to you...
 - you now reside in New York State AND will be an undergraduate AND you lived in New York State for the last 2 terms of high school, or
 - you were a legal resident when you entered military service, Vista or Peace Corps AND have reestablished New York State residency within 6 months after release from such service, or
 - you have resided in New York State for at least 12 months immediately preceding the first term for which you are seeking aid AND have established domicile (permanent residence) in New York State.
- If the student is a member of the armed forces who is not a legal resident of New York State but who is stationed on full-time active duty in New York State, the residency requirement is waived effective with the 2005-06 academic year. To qualify for the waiver, the student must submit official documentation confirming full-time active duty status and duty station.
- If the student is the spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces who is not a legal resident of New York State but who is stationed on full-time active duty in New York State, the residency requirement is waived effective with the 2005-06 academic year. The student must submit official documentation confirming both full-time duty status and duty station of the member of the armed forces and the student's status as spouse or dependent of that person.
- Check NO if...
 - you are financially dependent on your parents and neither of them is a New York State resident, or
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